

Remarks/Arguments

Claim 1 has been amended to correct minor informalities and to ensure consistency in claim language. In the last amendment the term "physical" was inadvertently added in the receiving step and in the placing step it is the virtual post office box identification that is placed on the mailpiece. The Examiner's entry of the instant amendment is respectfully requested to correct these minor informalities.

The Examiner stated that claims 33-76 were previously withdrawn and should be cancelled. Applicants have reviewed the case file and submit that there has never been a restriction and only claims 1-22 were ever filed in the instant case. Accordingly, cancellation of claims 33-76 is not required. In the event that Applicants are mistaken the Examiner is hereby authorized to cancel claims 33-76.

In view of the above, claims 1 and 6-22 remain pending in the case.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 1-6 and 6-22. However, the Examiner has objected to the drawings on the basis that the new features added in the last amendment to claim 1 are not shown in the drawings. Applicants respectfully disagree for the reasons set forth below.

Claim 1 was amended to recite that a computer receives the recipient's name and desired delivery address and that the computer relates the recipients virtual post office box with the desired delivery address. The relationship of these data elements is shown in database 68 of figure 4. Moreover, it is the data center computer 54 that maintains the data within database 68 as set forth, for example, on Page 12, lines 25-27 where it is stated that "In block 123 computer 54 accepts the request from the mailer. In block 124 computer 54 makes the address change requested by the mailer. The requested changes are stored in databases 67 and 68. Thus, it is clear

that the relationship in database 68 between the virtual post office box, the recipient's name and the desired delivery address is maintained via data center computer 54 as shown in Figure 4.

The only other change to claim 1 was adding the term "physical" before mail in the placing step. Clearly physical mail with virtual post office identification are shown in each of Figures 3A, 3B, 3C, and 3D.

In view of the above it is submitted that all of the features of the claims are shown in the drawings and the Application stands in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the objections is respectfully requested and an early notice of allowance earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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